

FINAL

**THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
JULY 26, 2005
SPECIAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE: David Brown, Chair; Stephen Feinstein

STAFF: George Leary, General Manager; Ron Scofield, District Manager

OTHERS: Larry Dennin, Attorney; Diane Cece, East Norwalk resident;
Robert Koch, The Hour; John Nickerson, The Advocate

Mr. Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Brown said that this meeting was called to address some of the issues that have taken place during the month that he was away. He explained that Mr. Coggin made unilateral changes without the approval or knowledge of the entire Commission. Mr. Brown said that he was here to fix some of the items that have been bothersome and unworkable and to then move forward.

Ms. Cece commented that she did not know how anyone on the Commission could act unilaterally. She asked about what recourse could be taken in response to Mr. Coggin's actions.

Mr. Brown replied that his health issue was in reality, not a health issue. He said that Mr. Coggin works with a vendetta and vengeance. He has had an issue with the secretarial service, because years ago, Ms. Telesco, told him that he could not make changes to the action items.

Mr. Brown said that without exception, Mr. Coggin has intimidated everyone in the workforce. Mr. Brown said that is not how he and Mr. Feinstein conduct business.

Attorney Dennin said that this conversation was out of order.

Ms. Cece said that an individual Commissioner can not make their own policies, nor act vindictively.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MAY 23, 2005

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

JULY 18, 2005

The following correction was made to the minutes:

Correct spelling of Coggins to Coggin throughout.

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS AMENDED**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OFFICE MANAGER AGREEMENT

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO CONFIRM THE RATIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN RONALD SCOFIELD AND THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT DATED JANUARY 23, 2003**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

POLICY UPDATES

PURCHASING

Mr. Brown reviewed the purchasing policies, noting that they have been most troublesome. He suggested giving the General Manager more latitude, which will allow projects to be completed in a timelier manner.

Certain services, such as the secretarial service will be exempt from being put out to bid.

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO ADOPT THE REVISED POLICY REGARDING PURCHASES AND QUOTATIONS**
- ** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

AGENDA AND MEETING POSTING

Mr. Brown said that not many people visit the website looking for the agenda and backup materials. Therefore, the agenda will be posted on the website, but the backup materials will be available in the office.

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO ADOPT THE REVISED POLICY REGARDING CREATION AND POSTING OF AGENDAS FOR REGULAR MEETINGS, AND THE POSTING OF RESULTS AND MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND THE COMMISSION SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF FOI (FREEDOM OF INFORMATION)**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

FUNDS DISBURSEMENT

Mr. Brown reviewed the revised policy.

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO ADOPT THE REVISED POLICY REGARDING FUNDS DISBURSEMENT POLICY. IN ADDITION ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND PAYROLL WILL BE PAID EACH THURSDAY MORNING AND ALL SIGNATURES SHALL BE ORIGINALS**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PROJECT MANAGER

As a consequence of Mr. Coggin's actions, the Project Manager recently resigned his position.

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED THAT THE GENERAL MANAGER BE ENTITLED TO HIRE AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR HE DEEMS WORTHY, WITH A WEEKLY LIMIT OF 20 HOURS PER WEEK**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PROJECT AWARDS

LIBRARY PAINTING

- ** MR. BROWN MOVED TO AWARD THE LIBRARY PAINTING CONTRACT TO DG CONSTRUCTION AT A COST OF \$4,200.**
- ** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

PAVEMENT SEALING

- ** MR. BROWN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE PAVEMENT SEALING PROJECT**
- ** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

OYSTER FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION

Mr. Brown explained that many years ago, he was a member of the Seaport Association and would abstain from voting on items pertaining to the Seaport Association. He has not been a member for many years, and will therefore vote on this item.

- ** MR. FEINSTEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NORWALK SEAPORT ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR SUPPORT AT THE OYSTER FESTIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 9, 10 & 11, 2005, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR LETTER DATED JUNE 13, 2005**
- ** MR. BROWN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Brown called for a recess at 8:00 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ** MR. BROWN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO
DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS**
- ** MR. FEINSTEIN SECONDED**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

BILLBOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

GENERAL MANAGER CONTRACT

Mr. Brown, Mr. Feinstein, Mr. Leary, Mr. Scofield and Attorney Dennin went into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Lombardi
Telesco Secretarial Services